Reed

Reed, of Exeter, whose reputation needs no defence by me, and was carried out in exact accordance with his instructions.

'1923' Brass Perrott

As regards the "Carew brasses" there was no brasswork either on floor or walls, when I was appointed to Luppitt in 1922. There was, however, a fragment of a brass memorial, which the late Rev. W Perrott found in the churchyard, and very carefully preserved by framing under glass, and hanging in the vestry. At the completion of the work of restoration of 1926, with the kind help of a few friends, I had a glass case made

Vestry 1926

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Case

– which was stood under the tower – and in this case the fragment of brass was put together with carved stones that were the only relics of an old chantry screen, and a few oak bosses from the tower, which was refloored in 1925 or 1926.

Stones Bosses Tower 1925

Perrott Font

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It was the late Rev. W Perrott who was instrumental in finding the old carved font (in the hedge of a field off site the church) and had this font placed on a new pedestal.

It is very hurtful when people write as "Devonian" does, because both Mr Perrott and I might be blamed by those who did not know the facts, and as he is now dead I feel that I must say that neither he nor I would have tolerated any kind of vandalism suggested, but that, on the contrary, we both made the beautifying of the church (and the keeping of its old beauties) a labour of love.

Mayden

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Yours truly E.T. Mayden
Vicar of Newport Barnstaple N Devon
16th November 1931.

NOTE

See note at bottom of Page 91. ₿

6/4/88

Bells 1988

Realising that 1988 would be the 60th anniversary of the augmentation of Lupfitt's ring of four to six during the incumbency of Rev James Frederick Prowse I set about trying to find the Dedication date.

Prowse

The service book recording collections written up by my father gave collections for "Bell Fund" on Sunday June 24th 1928 at 3PM of £8-8-0 and on Monday November 19th at 3PM of £3-12-6. So might be either.

1928

Scott

A telephone call to Rev J Scott at Bampton revealed that in his opinion as Lupfitt was not at that time a Devon Guild tower it would be most unlikely that Guild records would contain any information.

Looking up the list provided by Devon County Record Office of deposited material I found Vestry Minute Books under 1302/A PV 2 – 3 & 4 and these were withdrawn.

Vestry meetings

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In P.V.4. for 1928 I found references to tower inspection, restoration proposed and seconded, estimates from Gillett & Johnson and Taylors, the latter accepted; and also a request by the Vicar that work be completed by October 27th but no reference to Dedication Service; Nov 19th looks most likely.

See notes in file P.C.C meetings

Taylor

Church Book 10/79.

I then wrote to Taylors of Loughborough asking if they could provide me with any information.

Taylors letter in reply copied opposite

Taylors

John Taylor & Co. (Bellfounders) Ltd
The Bell Foundry, Freehold St. Loughborough. Leicestershire
Ref AB/EE-711/4 31 Mar. 1988 LE11 1AR

St Mary's Church Lutterworth

Bells Dedication 1928 See also P156

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th March with all its interesting information concerning your family's service to the Church.

I am surprised that with all the investigations you have undertaken you have not been able to find the Dedication date of the work which we undertook in 1928. It appears that you have almost exhausted all possible sources of finding this out.

I have now looked through our records and find that originally the Dedication Service was planned for the 27th October 1928 but due to the illness of our bellranger (Mr Mitchell) who had to return home, it was necessary for the Dedication to be delayed until November 19th at 3 PM. The Dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Exeter.

Dedication 19/11/1928

OVER

Enclosed is a copy (photocopy) of a newspaper cutting from the "Western Times" which indicates that although we received a cheque for £400 on the 4th January 1929 in settlement of our account for the work to the bells, there was still some money required, hence the holding of the fete, dance and whist drive.

Loans to be repaid?

I trust this information is helpful to you. I hope that your anniversary is celebrated in fine style.

Yours sincerely
Alan P S Berry
General Manager.

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Photocopy of newspaper cutting enclosed with Taylors letter preceding —

The Western Times

1929 Friday 21st June 1929

LUPPITT

A successful fete, in support of the fund for the restoration of the bells, was held on Thursday, June 13th, in the Vicarage Grounds. The fete (which included a sale of work) was opened Courtenay by the Hon. Mrs Courtenay, who in a few appropriate words, and after commenting on the lovely country surrounding the church and the grounds, made reference to the harmonious working together of parishioners even as the church bells set the example. There were many stalls and attractions including: needlework stall (in charge of the Ladies Working Hames Party), jumble stall (Mrs Taverner), produce stall (Mrs horton, Mrs Sheen and Mrs Pulman), tea (members of the tea committee) sweets, (Lady members of the choir), bran tub and sale of flowers (misses F Pyle, E Davey and V Wensley) skittling (Mr Bull) Aunt Sally (Mr Blode), tennis (members of the Tennis Club) guessing competitions (misses I Griffin and G Locke. In the afternoon and evening displays of maypole dancing were given School by the children of the day school. Added interest to the proceedings was given by visiting ringers from Awliscombe Uffculme and Honiton, who rang at intervals during the evening. Later on a dance and whist drive, held in the schoolroom, was well attended. The proceeds from the fete amounted to approximately £56.

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A few of the more important items from Minutes

		Date	Page in Vestry Book
P.V.2	Blind Lane repairs	1867-8	93 96 98 113.
Restoration	Breach Lane	1867	93
See PCC	Church Restoration	1868-80	104 105-9 119 124
Meetings	" House repair	1863	59
file	" Gallery removal	1864-5	64 78
Gallery	" Keys of coffer	1869	117
Window	" new west window	1864-5	64 78
	" Petition against ritualism	1867	91
Commons	Gates across Highway (Commons)	1858	11
	Highways Act	1869	121
	Parish roads listed	1867	94 95
	" valuation	1863-6	57 80 84
	new road	1861-3	32 38 42 61
	School Building	1870	126-7
P.V.3	Chancel closed	1878	178
	" restoration	1876	180
	Church House to Vicar	1872	11
Ford Bridge	Churchyard slip	1879	42
	Ford Bridge	1884	111
Halsdon	Halsdon rated	1882	83
Organ	Organ purchased	1883	103
	Shed for bier and tools	1880	54
	Sidesmen	1883	98
	S.W. tower buttress	1885-9	175-6
	Time piece	1876	29-30
Tithe Map	Tithe map—Apportionment list	1875-80	21 51
	Valuations	1889	167
V.F.P.R.T.	Vestry-Font-Pulpit-Roof-Tower	1880	53
	Vicarage parchment	1881	75
	" - new House	1882	179
Church lands	Windwhistle	1882	85

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		Date	Page
1302/A P.V.H.	Belfrey	1896	109
	" door	1899	128
	" fund	1900-04 132	148 153
Bells	Bells restoration	1928 330	336 344 347
	Bellringers	1921	243
Boiler	Boiler — Cover	1935	419
	— flooding	1935	427
	Charity — Church Lands	1890	10 29
Choir ~~stalls~~ stools	Choir stools	1927	327
see P 116.	Coronation	1902	142
Drains	Drains	1929-30	362 365 373 375
	Floors N. Transept	1914-17	198 210
Ford Bridge	Ford Bridge	1891	42
Heating	Heating — Hot water	1923-4	276 282 288
	Heavy Snow	1891	42
	Induction	1918	221
	Landslip	1931	378
Lighting	Lighting	1924 1936	290 295 303 437
VOL I 315	Lightning	1905	162
Organ	Organ	1908 1932	178 180 398
Perrott	Perrott (Rev) memorials	1926	308 316
	P.C.C. Election	1920	230
Queen	Queens jubilee	1897	113
Registers	Register Books	1891-2	46 62
VOL I 273	School deed	1895	100
Seating	Seating	1922-4	248 250 276 282
	Stoves	1921-3	244 246 258 260
Tower	Tower repairs	1893. 1905. 1925.	78. 157. 304.
Wall	Wall "	1895-8	96 121 122
VOL I 315	War m. War memorial	1922	258
	West door	1899	128
Plan	Yard Plan	1929	359 362
~~Tree~~	" Tree	1925	298

The three books already mentioned 1302/A – PV2, PV3, and PV4 were withdrawn from Devon Record Office on 25th March and returned on 9th May 1988.

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P.V.2. Luppitt Vestry Book 1858 – 1871
P.V.3. " " " 1871 – 1889
P.V.4 " " " 1889 – 1938

P.C.C. meetings

Two full P.C.C. meetings minute books were borrowed from P.C.C. secretary and with the agreement of Vicar and Standing committee were also deposited at Devon Record Office on 9th May 1988.

See P.C.C. meetings file

A record was taken from all five books of the date of each meeting with brief notes of the matters dealt with and page reference.

Following are a few of the more important items listed from the other two books April 1938 – April 1966 and April 1966 – May 1977

		Date	Page
Norris	Church Photo Album (Norris)	16/4/42	32-48
	Wings for Victory	19/4/43	40
Boiler	new Ideal Boiler	20/6/47	68
Flue	Internal flue	27/5/48	82-84
	new Roll	16/11/50	107
Tithes	Tithe Redemption	12/6/51	113 & 166
Valentine M	Valentine memorial	19/10/51	115 & 119
Bells	Bells greasing	10/10/52	129
Roof	Roof repair (Valleys)	23/6/52 →	127 →
Flagon	new flagon (£11-17-6)	28/9/53	142
Organ	Organ Restoration	"	143 & 150
Handbells	Handbells	17/4/50	102 & 149
	Flag Pole	22/4/55	158
V. cupboard	Vestry cupboard	17/5/56	174

Lighting	Electric Lighting	22/10/56 →	182-192
Reredos	Reredos	11/2/57	186
	" Dedication		203
	Churchyard steps	29/10/58	207
	Church Army mission	" →	"
	Electric Blower		
	Circulation pump & radiator	27/7/59	216
Roofs	Roof Spraying	21/5/62	236
Tower	Tower roof	"	"
	" "	23/1/64	244
Wall	N. retaining wall repair	25/3/63	237
D R O	Records to D.R.O.	26/3/64 6/11/66	244
School	Closure of school	8/4/65 66	252
	Bell frame painting	29/4/65	254
	Tower report	1/11/65	257
	Rev J Richards (Archdeacon 1988)	1/6/64	249
Alphabetical	Bells Augmentation	6/4/67	7
order	30/11/74 Dedication	17/2/75	91
Bells	Faculty	21/5/73	75
	Ordered	15/10/73	79
	Police ringers	26/10/75	107
	Tower report	19/4/66	2
Car park	Car Park	8/6/70	37
		17/8/70	39
		12/10/70	41
	Curtains	26/4/76	114
Thorne	Death of T.E. Thorne (Ch W)	4/8/69	26
Drain	Drain around new yard	22/7/76	120
		7/10/76	123
	Flood	10/4/69	20
Heating	Heating new oil fired boiler	27/5/71	51
		10/8/71	54

Decorating	Interial Decorating	28/11/68	17
~		10/4/69	19
		4/8/69	26
Carpet	Memorial carpet (Mrs Adage)	26/2/73	72
	Mounds & Kerbs	30/5/72	65
Vicarage	New Vicarage	18/1/69	18
Plans	Plans	14/5/69	24
	Revised Plans	14/8/69	29
		28/10/69	31
	Plans passed	9/2/70	33
		6/4/70	37
~	Almost complete	19/4/71	48
Path	Path surfacing	6/11/72	68
Allcock	Rev P. Allcock Licencing	27/5/71	51
Prouse	" J & Prouse retires	21/3/68	9
S. Reed	" S J Reed met	12/9/75	105
	Induction & institution	10/1/76	110
Rev Wright	" W Wright	2/7/68	15
	Theft of Brass & pewter	9/11/71	57
	Tower pointing	17/8/70	38
	" " completed	31/3/71	46
~	Uniting Benefices	30/3/68	10
		9/9/74	87
Drain	Yard drain	22/7/76	120
		7/10/76	123
	" Extension	10/4/69	20
		8/9/69	29
	" Fence	31/8/71	55

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Similar notes were made of meetings from the Parish Council minute books in hov & Dec 1985

1 From December 4th 1894 to February 7th 1936
2 " March 27th 1936 to January 11th 1984
3 Parish meetings December 4th 1894 — to date.

Feoffees 1859

Vestry meetings

Reference to Feoffees on two occasions in 1859 led me to wonder what were their duties and why was there no further reference to them at subsequent Vestry meetings. (See Overseers on next page)

P.V.2. Page 15 1859

"At a Vestry meeting held in the Vestry room of the parish of Lupitt in the County of Devon, on Thursday the 20th day of January 1859, for the purpose of considering what shall be done with regard to the appointment of Feoffees of the Church Lands, of the said parish, the Vicar in the chair.

It was proposed by Mr Joseph Burrough of Shelf — one of the two surviving Feoffees — (the other being Mr Richard Burrough of Hillend) seconded by Mr Richard Pearcey and carried unanimously

That in order to avoid the great expense hitherto incurred in the appointment of Feoffees of the Church Lands the surviving Feoffees add to their own names, the names of 10 other ratepayers to be with themselves the 12 Feoffees for the time being — that the said names be entered in a book provided for that purpose — and that at the Lady Day meeting in each year the said book be examined, and that should any vacancies have occured, either from death or removal to another parish the majority of the Feoffees then present choose from among the ratepayers the names of persons to fill the said vacancies, and also to decide at the said Lady Day meeting who of their own body